

Two Spirit History

Presented by Sharon M. Day



Charlotte
& Sharon
Day
1951



Ancestors



Gay American Indians
1975

Randy Burns and Barbara
Cameron, founders

WeWah, 1980's
Curtis Harris and Leota
LoneDog

Paula Gunn
Allen

Writer
Leader
Historian
Role Model



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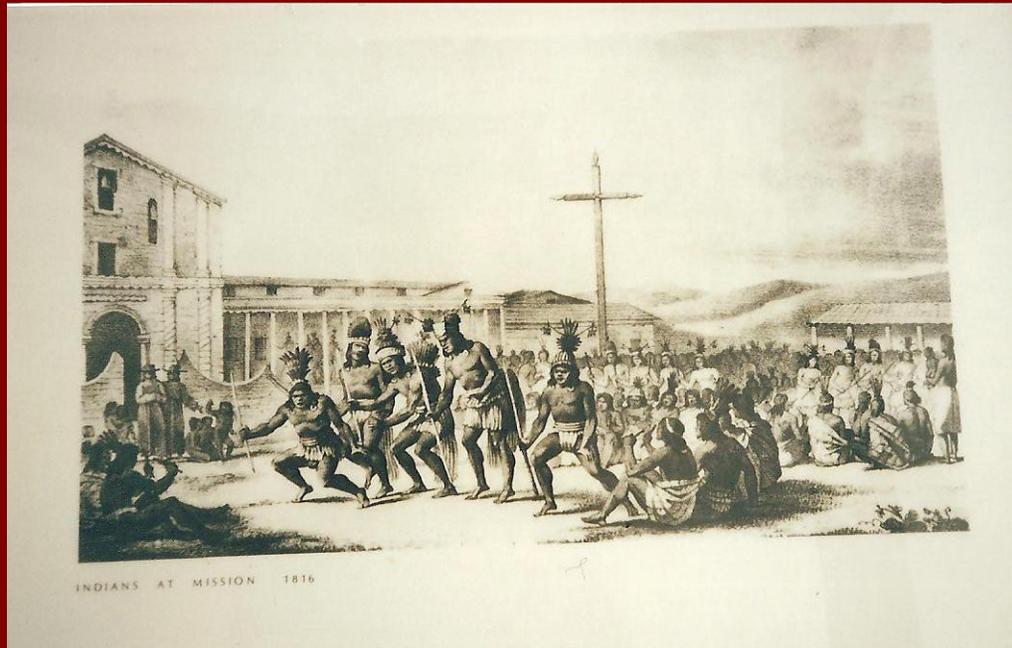
Beth Brant

Mohawk

Writer
Leader
Organizer



Christianity & the Values they forced our people to adopt





Ceremonies

“Life is a circle, and everything has it’s place.” P.Gunn-Allen





John Jackson/*Frontline* photo

"It is impossible for me to speak for all of us as people of color, but I *can* honor all of us: American Indians, Asian Americans, Latinos, East Indians, Palestinians, Africans, Pacific Islanders, Aborigines, and many, many more lesbians and gay men of color. We have so much to be proud of, and although it usually goes unacknowledged, we have transformed every social and political movement we have touched. We have brought this country's painful and absolutely necessary dialogue about what it means to be of color, and female, and poor, and queer to a much higher level. We have left

National March on Washington '87



1987 March



1st Two Spirit Gathering Basket and the Bow, Mpls. '88

Leota
Lone
Dog
&
others



Basket & Bow '88



National Congress of American Indians & NIHB

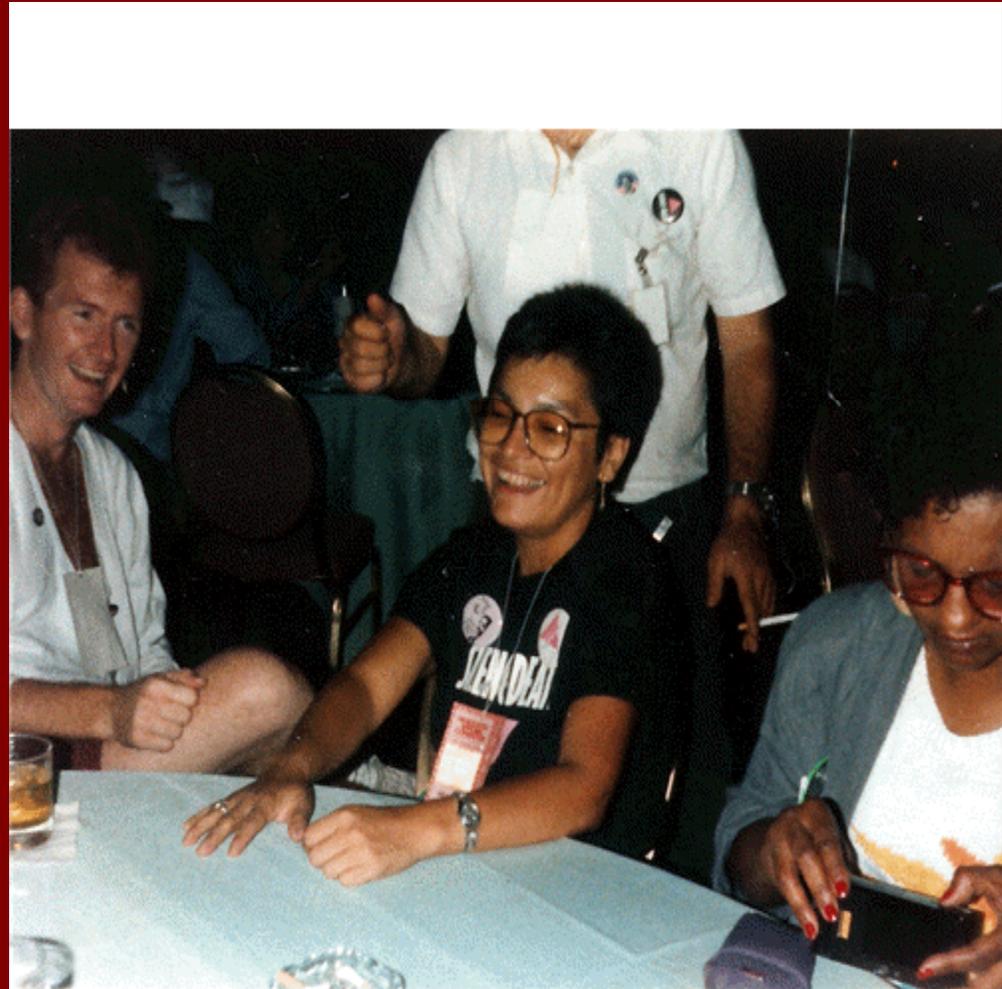
- Resolutions Presented to support HIV at
Tribal, Federal and State Levels
by Kebin Nephew, NCAI staffer
Sharon M. Day, Jo-Anne Stately and
Lori Beaulieu-Watso of IPTF

1990

Democratic National Convention '88

Delegates:
Keith Gann &
S. Day

1st HIV call for
action at a
National political
convention



Winnipeg Gathering '90



New York City Gay Pride '92



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New Brunswick Two Spirit Gathering

Muriel
Miguel

Bev
Little
Thunder



Mille Lacs
Gathering
1998



Winnipeg Gathering, '99

Barbara
Bruce



Minneapolis Gay Pride 2009



Minneapolis Gay Pride 2009



Gay Pride 2012



Pride 2012



2 Spirit Gatherings

- Bay Area Two Spirit Pow-wow
- San Diego Twin Spirit Women's Gathering
- Tulsa Two Spirit Gathering
- Montana Two Spirit Gathering
- NE2SS Spirit Gathering
- International Two Spirit Gatherings

What Sustains Us?



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- We are still here
- Our cultures are alive and well
- Migwetch/Pilamaya to all those who came before us and kept these ways alive for us.
- “Don’t Leave Me, composed by Sharon M. Day, performed by St. Paul Youth Orchestra String Quartet

